

I am writing beacuse
I am very concerned
about the state of
the media in the
USA. Pappas
Telecasting
Companies'
'donation' of
\$325,000 in airtime
to Republican
candidates in
certain areas is yet
another example of a
powerful media group
abusing its
privileged access to
the public airwaves.

One a local level,
what America really
is - our democracy-
is not served when a
corporate
headquarters decides
to provide one side
in local elections a
louder voice than
others. During
election season,
local audiences
should be offered
genuine debate --
not disingenuous
offers to "purchase"
an equal amount of
response time after
they give free time
to candidates of one
party.

Pappas uses the
public airwaves free
of charge. My
understanding is
that they are
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. I think
that Pappas' actions
are legally
questionable.
Pappas is obviously
not interested in
serveing the public
interest. Their
actions show why we

need to strengthen
media ownership
rules, not weaken
them. It also
illustrates why the
license renewal
process needs to
involve more than
just a returned
postcard.